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Waynesboro May Get Tv Station

WAYNESBORO — Waynesboro may get a local television station by next year.

During a meeting of Waynesboro City Council last night Robert A. Monroe, president of Jefferson Cable Corp., said his firm hopes to provide an educational station which would involve participation by the city schools.

He added special meetings, including city council meetings, may be broadcast.

Mr. Monroe said the station would be developed through a major upgrading of the facilities of Jefferson Cable, which provides cable service to Waynesboro.

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"We feel this is a very significant point and it's something we've wanted to do a long time," Mr. Monroe concluded, "and 1970 is the time to do it."

Council asked Mr. Monroe why cable channel 8 had been removed from the line, thus eliminating Abc programs.

He explained that when the cable network was installed, the Federal Communications-Commission held that a public television station in the area could request not to be duplicated on cable television.

An Abc affiliated television station in Harrisonbrug once seen on channel 8 — has priority to block similiar shows on cable television, Mr. Monroe told council, and a legal battle was lost by the cable network.

He termed the elimination of cable channel 8 as a "technical thing, a legal technicality" but added that the FCC is "getting a better outlook" for cable tv and the service should improve.

Mr. Monroe said the firm is replacing tube-type amplifiers for transistor-type and that additional cable systems are planned for the city, including Shenandoah Heights.

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